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Leo has over 30 years of water resource experience in California. He currently works as Director of Delta Projects for The Nature Conservancy. Prior to this position he served as Deputy Director for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, which focuses on water and environmental management activities in the Sacramento – San Joaquin Bay-Delta Estuary.

He also served as Executive Director for the Sacramento Water Forum a diverse group of 40 stakeholder organizations representing business, agriculture, citizens groups, environmentalists and water managers who have collaboratively negotiated a regional water supply and environmental protection agreement to the year 2030.

With the Department of Water Resources he served as Assistant to Chief Deputy Director working on issues ranging from water project operations to environmental management in the Delta. He has also managed the Department of Water Resources' Sacramento / San Joaquin Delta fish and water quality programs.

During the 1980's Leo worked for the Water Resources Control Board, serving as the staff specialist on Bay-Delta water quality and water right issues.

Leo served for eight years as an elected board member to the Arcade Water District, a public water district serving about 100,000 customers in Sacramento. He currently serves as a Director and President of the American River Parkway Foundation, an organization that promotes environmental health and stewardship of the 23 mile long American River Parkway.

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